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House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Reedy:

I am writing in response to your May 4th letter in reference to the Lincoln Main Post Office located at 700 R Street. While I sincerely appreciate you taking the time to draft a response, I would appreciate the opportunity to better understand the position on the United States Postal Service (USPS) in this matter.

As mentioned in my previous letter, I am not asking that this facility be relocated immediately; rather to begin the conversation of finding a more appropriate long-term location. Lincoln's historic Haymarket District has become a premier sports and entertainment area in the State of Nebraska. I join local leaders in a shared desire to resolve this issue for the betterment of the City of Lincoln, the State of Nebraska, and the United States Postal Service.

I am requesting once again for a meeting with Lincoln Postmaster Kerry Kowalski as well as relevant USPS officials to address this issue. In the meantime, please elaborate on the rationale in your previous correspondence by answering the following questions:

- 1. In your letter, you write "such facility matters are not made by the local Postmaster." Which USPS official is responsible for making such decisions?
- 2. Have there been internal conversations among USPS officials about relocating this facility to a more suitable location? If so, please provide a timeline of when these conversations took place and details as to the content of such conversations. If not, please explain why such discussions have not occurred.
- 3. In what specific ways would relocating this facility to a more suitable location be "highly disruptive" to your operations?
- 4. What factors does the USPS consider in determining whether or not to relocate a facility? Were these factors used in consideration of relocating this facility to a more suitable location?
- 5. Has an economic analysis been conducted of relocating this facility to a more suitable location? If so, please share the results of this study.

- 6. What would be the cost of relocating this facility to a more suitable location?
- 7. How long would it take to relocate this facility to a more suitable location?
- 8. Would the sale of this facility at its current site generate sufficient revenue to offset the costs of relocating this facility to a more suitable location?
- 9. Upon relocating this facility to a more suitable location, could the USPS make any upgrades or improvements to its current operations?
- 10. What effects on employment and staffing, if any, would result from relocating this facility to a more suitable location?
- 11. Would any delays in service result from relocating this facility to a more suitable location? If so please, provide specific details.
- 12. Have alternative locations for this facility been explored?
- 13. Is there a precedent or model for such a relocation?
- 14. Have you made any efforts to engage with the local community on relocating this facility to a more suitable location? If so, please provide specific details of these efforts.
- 15. What was the reason for the abrupt cancellation of previous attempts to discuss relocating this facility to a more suitable location?

I join the people of Lincoln in their desire to see this issue resolved smoothly and with deliberate urgency. Finding a more appropriate location for this facility is one of my top priorities. I look forward to your prompt response and answers to the questions outline above.

Yours very truly,

Michael J. Flood,

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